

# **The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens**

**The Therfield Regulation Trust  
c/o Royston Golf Club, Baldock Rd, Royston, SG8 5BG  
Registered Charity No. 277881  
Chair: Clare Swarbrick**

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## **Summary Minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 19:00pm via Zoom and also in person at Black Barn**

### **1/01/22 Apologies for Absence**

None:

6 Attending at the Black Barn

3 Attending via Zoom.

### **2/01/22 Declarations of interest: (see \* \* for any relevant minute details)**

### **3/01/22 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 :**

Approved

### **4/01/22 Matters arising not covered in the agenda**

None

### **5/01/22 Major items to AGREE**

- PEM are confirmed as the external examiners : unanimous
- PEM are confirmed as Trust Accountants if needed : unanimous
- Greenwoods are confirmed as the Trust's solicitors : unanimous

### Budget

Explanation that the figures have been adapted since the version sent around last week.

Headline figures noted:

Discussion of scrub encroachment - sufficient funding to work on removal of this.

Spend approved.

Discuss separately 106 monies

Budget approved.

### Elections 2022.

Room had been booked ; Relevant advert was placed in the Crow (and on Chapel and church doors). All relevant information was on the main website and also the subsidiary page (both updated by the clerk).

### **6/01/22 Leases and Tenants etc**

Noted that lighting for tennis lights and also an electricity feed to the rugby changing room running via the café and that renovations taking place at the cafe have highlighted a need for additional electricity. Further discussions on way forward needed.

Discussion on WC provision and also need to future proof the site – discussion whether what was needed long term was one proper serviced space. Discussion extended now to a future education centre. Choices may need to be made and a suggestion for a small sub group was proposed and agreed as best way forward to oversee choices and best value etc.

Noted report of an loose running horse and damage to golf course.

(\*\* conflict of interest noted \*\*)

Awaiting news from a golf course valuation. Draft/revised buggy policy shared with Conservators for discussion. Light touch changes suggested and clerk would action.

Ferreting observed.

A summary of the issue was presented and issue was (a ) whether or not they could/should be there and (b) who was overseeing any such activity if permission has been given. Ferreting had historically occurred before. This would be followed up with the relevant parties and land users to find out fuller information so that Conservators had oversight.

## 7/01/22 **Conservation Work and Management Plan re the Heath and Greens**

- FOTH tree planting: Discussed - Queen's Canopy idea is noted.
- TRAKSA pavilion - supported pavilion - need elevations - need floor plan – draft comments to be obtained and circulated in February.
  - Kite Festival : will be meeting to discuss 2022 event
  - FOTH leaflet : we can do a letter to accompany FOTH leaflet and work with FOTH
  - Sign for Entrance – to obtain - this was to replace the sign currently on site which is worn.
  - Metal sign near Goodes Court –re-wrap it in Heath logo to match entrance sign

## 8/01/22 **Other items to Discuss**

(a) Loan of Stints \* declared interest \* .

This was an issue to do with the proposed conservation grazing – more research will be done and contacts made.

## 9/01/22 **Finance**

Reserves Policy : 1 year's rental income as a reserves policy - Agreed by all

Update on draft accounts : with the examiner

Update on late payments : Clerk updated Conservators on this.

On the issue of land use – all had info on the cricket square/rugby and the event's area. Those running this will follow up with those sports who need now to be involved.

## 10/01/22 **Update from the Clerk (s38 New Events/Permissions/Correspondence)**

- i. Letter AWL – will be left until after site visit
- ii. Bench Enquiry –Discussion of option that people could 'rent' a bench plaque where there is no space for more benches. Need to study locations of current benches.
- iii. HMWT event declined.
- iv. Football Goals \* declared an interest \*  
Yes approved suggestion – will write and also draw up a licence to confirm.

Return to 8/01/22 (d) ( e ) (f)

(d) Queen Victoria Memorial – water was cut off in the 70's and the Conservators own it is the outcome of research to date. Would be nice to refresh it .Reach out for contacts/ideas.

( e) Discussion of Beacon enquires – these are being directed to TPC where there is a beacon

(f) Site Visits –those involved can attend and have the relevant details.

(g) Tree cutting comments on Social Media – the matter is concluded.

## 11/01/22 **Actions/Updates from previous meetings**

None

## 12/01/22 **Any other business**

Damaged Rambler Gate issue –. Made safer now - Question if it is ‘our’ gate –we should not work upon it further until we know.

13/01/22 **Date of next meeting: 24 February 2022 (Election night) .**